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## EXPENSIVE TACTICS.

The Board of Health evidently believes that it is doing wonders by holding meetings morning and evening, and dipping into most desultory discussions, and appointing innumerable committees. While the Board is enjoying itself in this manner every day the cholera is having its innings and the Minister of Finance's smile is becoming more and more sardonic.

One committee condemns an extensive acreage of rice fields and the rice growing on it; another committee wants to dry up a number of taro patches, burn the plants and destroy the property; one wise man wants to burn all houses in the infected districts; and the Advertiser proposes to wipe out the whole of Chinatown. Then we get a proposition to erect a ten-foot fence along Nuuanu stream with barbed wire on top, and a six months' job is found for the dredger in cleaning up the entrance to the stream.

All these measures are, of course, excellent and deserve the highest consideration. We all agree that "something must be done." But is it not a most unsystematic manner in which the "something" is proposed to be done?

The official organ says this morning: "It may 'cost money' but the price is a mere bagatelle compared with the cost of a recurrence of the epidemic."

Quite true the cost of a recurrence of the epidemic will be a great calamity (by the way when did the epidemic ever cease?) It is also true that the proposed condemnation of land, drying of taro, burning of houses, and erection of ten-foot fences with barbed wire on top will "cost money." And it is for that reason that we suggest to the trustees of the taxpayer's money to tackle the subject in a systematic and business-like manner, and not lose sight for a moment of the main question: "Where is the money to come from?"

To carry out the jumbled-up plans laid before the Board of Health and accepted without submitting them to competent citizens, will mean ruin to the government and even then the object will not be attained.

How is the Minister of Finance to approve of the confiscation of certain lands before he is made aware of the cost of such a step. And even then what kind of financial calculations can he make, if he, the following day, is called on to dig up more money for carrying out another plan and so on ad infinitum?

The experiments of the Board and its wise committees are too costly to be entertained in the manner proposed. We repeat the suggestion made in our former issues, that the time has arrived for the government to appoint a competent commission of practical men, immaterial of political creed and color, and ask such a commission to take Honolulu in hand and present to the government, with the shortest possible delay, a full set of plans and specifications, considered necessary to place us on at least a decent sanitary footing. With such plans and specifications made and approved by such a commission Minister Damon will be able to present a clear statement whether the treasury is able or not to meet the expenses claimed to be necessary, and if not, he may be able to devise ways and means for raising the necessary money.

It is simply folly to go ahead as the Board of Health is now doing "regardless of expense." The debts now incurred must be met and a little wise foresight is certainly due to the taxpayers. Let everything be done to stamp out the cholera but let it be done in a wise and systematic manner, and according to our means.

## TOPICS OF THE DAY.

The Star wants the policemen to assist in stopping the epidemic. If they can do it, what is the use for extra assistance. If they can't, why ask them?

When our only William the rufus—has finished his private business, he will scarcely have time to present his credentials at Washington before his successor (F. M.) has sold his furniture in order to depart.

Mr. A. Robaskin has a communication in another column relating to the translation of the Board of Health regulations into Japanese. To judge from the language (as she is spelled) used by Mr. Robaskin, he would make a daisy interpreter before our Courts, and Mr. Doyle might then take a seat in the audience and even up matters. But, Mr. A. Robaskin, "the band still plays on."

Col. Z. S. Spaulding has apparently scored no success in his cable project in the states. He left here with a promise of a million dollar subscriptions, and by latest advices he still has that amount—and no more. Once more the smarties have got left. Unfortunately the rest of us have to eat the leavings—which amount to nothing.

The Advertiser is happy, because a case of foot-binding has been brought before the courts through the agency of a sanitary inspector. It writes that "the finding of the case is one of the good results of house to house tours of inspection under the Board of Health." We have nothing to do with the case in question. If the man arrested violated a law, let him be punished, but we emphasize our formerly expressed protest against the Board of Health, being allowed to use information, gained during a sanitary inspection, for police purposes. The permission of the people to allow inspectors or any other persons to enter their premises without any warrant of law, is an act of courtesy

and, because necessities have arisen favoring such policy. But a man's house is his castle, even if the man is a Chinaman. Let the police do their duty, and let the sanitary inspectors confine themselves to attending to the duties for the performance of which they are appointed and paid or when not paid. If they refuse to do so, they will be refused permission to enter any house without the search warrant which the constitution provides for.

The Advertiser stated on Friday that "our community" \* \* \* "will act like a dog with a tin can tied to his tail." Possibly the Advertiser will be the first in its community. Yet, why should it slander the rest of the residents.

In reference to the cable project the S. F. Examiner writes: "There would be no particular profit for private individuals in a service of this sort—nothing that would be an inducement to a corporation to lay a cable as a commercial speculation—but its importance to the community can scarcely be questioned, even by such stalwart opponents of subsidies as the New York Evening Post." Then why did our Executive and Legislature give the business to a private individual? Another job?

Steamship companies trading from the United States to foreign countries have the option of carrying mail by weight or charging so much per ton (of the vessel) per mile. So far the first proposition has received the approval of the companies concerned, as it brings them in more revenue. Now, however, the demand for faster service and superior accommodations has shown the American shipping interest that the central government must more heavily subsidize than it has done before if the control is not to pass into foreign hands. We may therefore expect an improved and speedier service between San Francisco and Australia. Australia has hitherto kept up the line. It is now in order for the U. S. to help in the good work.

The Advertiser predicts a hard feeling of recrimination amongst our island citizens over the recent restrictions in regard to quarantine. It says the men who have suffered the inconveniences and hardships of the time "are not going to be 're-signed' or 'forgiving' about it." Well, if this is the case—and no doubt the Advertiser knows, or it wouldn't say it—isn't it time that we all went round, unresigned and unforgiving, with our deadly weapons in our hands and wiped out the opposers of our magnanimous intentions. Let us all go out and gun for the other fellow. That will end what the cholera may leave.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of correspondents. Our columns are open to every shade of opinion or party or grievance. Correspondence must not be libelous or indecent and must be accompanied by the name of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.)

EDITOR INDEPENDENT, Sir

In reply to Mr. C. A. Doyle's statement made in your issue of last Thursday that his translation of the Board of Health regulations is endorsed by the Japanese Consul and all the leading Japanese, I wish to say that it is a wonder for me that he claims the Japanese translation made by himself, because all the leading Japanese know the official interpreter has no knowledge either to read or write any such Japanese letters, as the translation, however erroneous ambiguous and ludicrous it is. It is another wonder for me, Mr. Editor, if the translation is endorsed by the Consul etc, because they have enough head, I believe, to know and say right from wrong, unless they are particularly influenced by some means or circumstances. As to my personality, I am none but a boy working for a Japanese paper office. Why?  
A. ROBASKIN.  
Honolulu 28 Sept. 1895

L. B. Kerr will receive a large invoice of goods in the Miowera. In the meantime the ladies will find an excellent opportunity to lay in a stock of White Cotton Ducks, New Gingham and Flannellettes at bed-rock prices.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

The Mokoli leaves to-day.

The mail for Lahaina closed at 2 p. m. to-day.

The Australia had not been signalled as we go to press.

The James Makea will leave for ports on Kauai to-morrow afternoon.

A package of sandwiches ought never to be used as a pillow, Georgel.

The Board of Health will hold an important meeting at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Letters relating to fishing have been sent to the Board of Health from the owners of fishing rights and fish ponds.

The Board of Health is yet being bombarded with communications and resolutions from the "rebels" on the other islands.

Mr. J. F. Colburn, formerly Minister of Interior and recently chairman of the Sanitary Committee, celebrates his 36th birthday to-day.

No fish, no mutton, no venison, what a relief the well-nursed curlews from Lelepaia was yesterday. Thanks, unknown friend and smart hunter.

There are no new cases of cholera to-day. The reported case this morning from the Police Station has been declared not cholera. Dr. Emerson had he man conveyed to the Cholera Hospital this morning where he was declared non-infected. The record now stands 87 cases and 61 deaths.

An addition of ten per cent will be added to all personal taxes not paid during the day. The tax assessor with the approval of the Minister of Finance publishes a notice to that effect only in the papers which are never read by the majority of the "personal tax" payers. Is it not time to drop such foolish policy Mr. Minister?

A number of persons are desirous of returning to Hawaii and take the risk of a quarantine there to make it worth while for the steamship company and to make the quarantine pleasant; we are asked to suggest that the Hawaii people in Honolulu signify their willingness to go home without delay. Notices left at the steamship offices will be sufficient. So far enough have not been registered.

Mr. W. O. Smith was reported quite unwell yesterday evening. We are pleased to state that His Excellency is able to be around again attending to business. It is noteworthy that the doctors called in during the attack of the President were not members of the Board of Health. Mr. Smith's confidence in his "colleagues" seems to be at par with that entertained by the public and THE INDEPENDENT.

As advertised the boys who sport a wheel were around on Palace Square on Saturday and surprised the city by showing how many and how many clever wheelmen we have among us. The bikers took a spin around town, and wherever they appeared, exclamations of praise were heard for the Monarch wheel placed in the market by the Hawaiian Hardware Co. The boys look nice—so do the "bike" girls—but the Monarch is the one that can carry them to advantage.

Nobody knowing anything about fishing can understand why the Board of Health keeps up the tabu on fishing from the points outside Diamond Head and Puuloa respectively. If the Board knows anything about fish they will be aware that the fish which appear along Waikiki say, from the Sans Souci channel to the Makapuu point never visit the harbor except during the spawning season, and that the fish in the harbor never leave their immediate environment. By modifying the present tabu, work will be given to Hawaiians, and the staple food of the natives judiciously restored to them.

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## Timely Topics.

Honolulu, Sept. 20, 1895.

All over the world at present questions of hygiene are the main issues of the day. While the learned scientists of Europe are devoting their time and skill to find remedies which can destroy the disease breeding germs, the diseases go on and cholera, diptheria and typhoid ravage cities and countries.

Whenever a disease becomes epidemic it is because the germ found conditions which suited it and in which it felt at home and ready for business. The sanitary conditions of the town and of the home becomes of vital importance. Honolulu is having a taste of a cholera epidemic and it behooves everybody to do his best in placing every home in the best sanitary condition possible.

When the general house-cleaning which will take place next Monday is over, many housekeepers will find some household furniture which needs renewal and others missing both as to utility and convenience.

We call attention to-day to our Oil Stoves. The "Dietz" Stove which we carry in stock has gained a great reputation everywhere. The one we especially recommend is the most complete oil stove ever offered in the market. It is perfectly safe for the user of it, and it will answer all purposes in a well regulated household. Five quarts of oil is sufficient to burn ten to twelve hours. In ten minutes a half gallon water can be boiled. It will fry and boil, bake or broil at the same time. You can boil potatoes and bake biscuit at the same time. In ten minutes you can broil a steak to perfection, and in an hour and a half you can roast an eight-pound turkey. Once tried the "Dietz" Oil Stove will be found the very thing for the housekeeper, and the price brings it within the reach of everybody.

The Water Coolers which we have on hand are the very things for restaurants, saloons, schools and stores. After the water is boiled fill the cooler with it, and even without ice, it will keep a pleasant temperature. Large families will find these highly ornamental coolers of great advantage and a great saving in regard to ice.

What, however, is more useful than a Monarch Bicycle. In San Francisco and other places mail and paper carriers, business men and professional men use the Monarch, and have within the diamond arranged a leather bag, very easily fixed, which will contain paper, document, lunches and clothing and do service as the saddle bags do to the horseman. The Monarch is the most solid and best appointed wheel introduced here, and can be purchased on the installment plan.

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